

Town Council Meeting August 14, 2017

Closed Session at 6pm was cancelled by the Mayor Dean Geracimos.

Present: Harry Sampson, Rebecca Mann, VP Council Frank Vari, Tom Morris, Carolyn Blevins, Stephen Lagoy in for Tom Yeager

Absent: Mayor Dean Geracimos, Town Attorney Tom Yeager, Town Manager Sandra Edwards

Staff: Rob Bernstine Project Manager, Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer

Vice-President Frank Vari called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes:

July Meeting

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion seconded by Tom Morris to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Note: Rebecca Mann requested the minutes be mailed to Council the Friday before the meeting so they have time to review before the meeting.

July Workshop:

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2017 workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items:

September 11th meeting date change

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to move the September 11th meeting to the following Monday September 18th. All in favor, motion carried.

Atlantic Broadband Agreement

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Mann not to sign the franchise agreement. All in favor, motion carried.

Rate of pay for Code Enforcement Position & Type of Position

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to move this item to the August Workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

MOU becoming a member of Water & Sewer Work Group

MOTION: Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Tom Morris to approve becoming a member of the Water & Sewer Work Group. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application:

MOTION : Harry Sampson made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Blevins to approve the Application allowing the soccer team to use Helen Titter Park without a fee. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Reports:

Harry Sampson: Doug from Miller Environmental gave the report of both plants; avg from 45,000 per month to 57,000 – still higher than last year. We were not in violation. Doug will email the report to Clerk/Treasurer, and she will disperse to Council. Rob Bernstine updated on the Waste Water Plant.

Water Tower is moving along; Foundation for Tower starts next week. Pump Stations will have new pumps next week and control panel; received budgetary estimate for lining sewer main between MH 44 to 43. Large tree under north dock – had it removed; Electric for kiosk has begun. Seems to be a rotten board on boardwalk by kiosk has cones-Rob to look into it. Planning Commission update. Approved ADS which Council will have at the workshop; New signs for Ferry Slip Park should be in this week.

Tom Morris: Car Show on August 26th, Shakespeare in the Park on Sept 16th; looking for Grants for upgraded Helen Titter Park. Union Street Park working on plans. Read deputy's report for the past month, to be part of the minutes.

Rebecca Mann: Requested a charter from the Legislative Services – to make sure past ordinances are included and new updates. Waiting on new Ethics form.

Carolyn Blevins: Sgt requested a two month in advance notice instead of two weeks. Public Safety – CI made a few courtesy calls to CI about blocking the road. Problems with trucks blocking when unloading. On the noise, a week ago on Sunday very noisy. Both CI and Pell Gardens were very loud. Did not understand how to use the equipment, so reading were not good. Updates from last Historic meeting.

Frank Vari: Council will continue to receive budgets with the spending done in Town. Working with Rebecca Mann & Sandra Edwards on the Tourism Director position; We are the top recycling Town in Cecil County for the 7th year in a row. Racing – our 9th annual New Year's Day Walk/Run. Special Events – old medications can be delivered to the Elk Police Dept or NE State Police barracks. Maryland Day to Serve in Chesapeake City poster will be around Town; Would like volunteers for North & South side for clean-up day. Establishing a schedule of CPR classes, (last Tuesday in September at CCEA). They will be scheduling classes at Town Hall. Meeting with CI and managers to review the items Carolyn has brought to our attention,

Old Business

Discussion of Council members serving as ex-officio voting vs non-voting – moved to the workshop.

Public Comment

Bob Miller – Foxes running around town – mangy fox by Walnut. Please contact DNR , please bring food from the outside for other animals; the fox is becoming dependent on the neighborhood. Do not know if it has rabies, will have a notice placed on the website.

Findley McCool. We need police at the corner of Walnut. They speed and don't stop at the sign. Kids are playing down there; Grass. Requested PIA on Town property 's cut. Town cuts the bridge, and parks. Asking the Town to cut Town property. I've cut 4x in my yard and the Town lot beside me hasn't been done. I pay taxes based on my water view, I love this town, I dedicated my time years ago. I'm going to take you to court. I'm asking you as a taxpayer in town, but I want the property next door – I want it cut every time you cut down here, and before you cut the states. The Hunters (next door), I cut Lee Collins cut into it – why can't the Town cut the rest? It's common sense. Either you're going to cut it or I'm getting a court order for you to do it. You have no business cutting outside of town if you can't cut in Town. It should be cut every time you cut the state highway. Harry will talk to David to get it

taken care of. Wants a letter from Town saying it will be done. I don't want to come here. My last complaint is dogs. This morning there's a pile of dog crap that doesn't belong to my dog. Jeff Ritter's two dogs are constantly running around. I've brought several pictures into Town Hall of them running around and nothing has been done.

Gwen Clayton: when you speak to Chesapeake Inn about the Valet: I was cut off, missed hitting him by inches. Someone is going to get seriously injured. They are not yielding. I came inches to hitting him. Was told the driver couldn't see past the bushes.

Rebecca Mann waiting for an update from the attorney about ordinances for skateboards. Steve Lagog spoke that research is being done, in addition to skate boards, looking at the hoverboards and segways, both in Maryland and in other states. Hopes to have information sent to Council next week.

It was discussed to reschedule the Closed Session scheduled and cancelled for tonight, to next Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

MOTION: Tom Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm, Carolyn Blevins seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted



D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer



Frank Vari
Vice-President Council